

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 489
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of distinguished educator,
Guy Austin Baggett of Erin, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the death of the beloved Houston County High School principal and
respected member of the board of education, Guy Austin Baggett, has saddened the many
persons on whose lives he had a positive impact; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baggett was born on September 9, 1934 and received his education at
Austin Peay State University earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1961, his Master of Arts
Degree in 1968, and his Master of Arts Degree plus 45 hours; and

WHEREAS, he served admirably as a teacher of seventh and eighth grade students at
Tennessee Ridge Elementary School from 1961-1966, at Clarksville High School from 1968-
1969, at Cheatham County High School from 1969-1971, at Atwood Elementary School from
1975-1976; and as a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Science teacher at Erin Elementary
School from 1977-1980; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational leader whose goal was to motivate his students to reach
their potential, Mr. Baggett served with extraordinary diligence and dedication as principal of the
Tennessee Ridge Elementary School from 1962-1968; at Erin Elementary School from 1971-
1974 and 1985; at Houston County High School from 1974-1975 and 1989-1991, and at
Trousdale County High School from 1976-1977; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baggett had a profound effect on his students who, to this day, will attest to the difference he made in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baggett's exemplary record also includes his excellent service as Houston County Superintendent of Schools from 1980-1984, Supervisor of Instruction from 1985-1988, and as Houston County Attendance Supervisor from 1988-1989; and

WHEREAS, after his official retirement in 1991, Mr. Baggett served tirelessly as a member of the Houston County Board of Education from 1996-1997 and as a Houston County Negotiator in 1997; and

WHEREAS, he was also very active in various professional organizations as a member of the Mid-Cumberland Superintendents' Study Council, the Mid-Cumberland Principals' Study Council, the Mid-Cumberland Supervisors' Study Council, the Houston County Education Association, the Tennessee Educational Association, and the National Educational Association. His sage advice on educational matters was constantly sought by each of these groups; and

WHEREAS, in the finest tradition of the Volunteer State, Mr. Baggett served as president and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, as president of the Rotary Club, as a supporter of the American Cancer Society, and as a member of the Highland Rim Board of Directors, the Selective Service Board for Houston, Humphreys, Dickson and Stewart counties, and on the J. D. Lewis Senior Center Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, for his outstanding community service work, in 1995 he was named Lord High Mayor, the highest possible local community honor; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the memory of Guy Austin Baggett, reflecting with deep admiration on his thirty years of service to the children and youth of our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Guy Austin Baggett and express our condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.